

## CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re : Danger to the statues of Sri Basaveswara and Dr. Ambedkar in Gulbarga.*

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).— I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration to the danger to the statues of Sri. Basaveswara and Dr. Ambedkar in Gulbarga.

SRI H.C. SRIKANTIAH (Minister for Municipal Administration).— I wish to make the following statement.

The S.B. Tank is situated in the heart of the City of Gulbarga. It was posing health hazard. A decision to breach the tank was taken at a meeting held on 16th May 1975 convened by the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga with the District Officers and prominent citizens. In accordance with the decision, the tank was breached in the year 1975.

2. During 1976-77, due to the water scarcity in Gulbarga, the sluices of the tank were temporarily closed to conserve rain water in the tank to facilitate the public to utilise the water for washing purposes, etc. The public was also of the view that the tank should be restored.

3. As per the decision taken at the meeting on 12th May 1978, the wastewear was completely blocked and the surrounding area was filled with murram etc., in order to instal Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue. The City Municipality, Gulbarga has already made alternate arrangements to discharge the surplus water from the tank. In the meanwhile the plans and estimates were got approved by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Gulbarga and the civil portion of work has been entrusted to an Agency on 4th July 1978. Orders have already been placed for the supply of pipes with the local firms and the supply is expected shortly.

4. Every effort is being made by the City Municipality, Gulbarga to get the work completed as early as possible, in order to avert any possible danger existing to the statue or to the residents as apprehended by the Member.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.— A decision to breach the tank was taken at a meeting held on 16th May 1975 convened by the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga with the district officers and prominent citizens. But, the water from this tank was not pulled out, and there is a feeling that the tank should be restored. Will the Government think of restoring the tank as it will beautify the City and also help the citizens, particularly milkmen, washermen and the cattle may also make use of the water? I also feel that this will definitely help the wells to get water at the lower level.

SRI H.C. SRIKANTAIAH.—That will be examined.

(ii) *re* : Compelling the farmers for purchase of B. Complex Manure to 33% of loans.

SRI S.M. SHEERNALY CHANDRASEKAR (Hosanagar).— I call the attention of the Minister of State for Co-operation to the hardship caused to the farmers for compelling them to purchase B Complex Manure to the extent of 33% of the amount of loan sanctioned.

SRI V.M. KUSHNOOR (Minister of State for Co-operation): I wish to make the following statement.

1. The Reserve Bank of India have issued the Manual on Production Oriented System on lending for agriculture laying down the common policy to be followed by all the financing banks in the Country in the dispensation of crop loans to the agriculturists. This has been followed in our State also by the District Central Co-op. Banks and the Commercial Banks.

2. According to it, Component 'B' of the scale of finance should be fixed with reference to the quantum of fertilisers and inputs which an average cultivator in the area uses but not exceeding that recommended for each crop by the Agriculture Department. The basic consideration in the implementation of this policy is that it should be possible for the coop. credit society to provide 'B' component of crop loan in kind either directly or through approved agency, co-operatives or otherwise. It is stipulated that component 'B' should be disbursed in kind to the agriculturists by the society itself.

3. Considering the various aspects and the difficulties in the field of dispensation of kind portion of the short-term loans, the State Government have evolved a policy decision of introducing 3 tier system consisting of the Karnataka State Coop. Marketing Federation, Taluk Agricultural Produce Coop. Marketing Society and the Primary Agricultural Coop. Society. The State Government have also approved reducing the rates of the Marketing Federation to be on par with that of the Karnataka Agro Industries Corporation. According to this 3 tier system, the margin has to be shared by the Karnataka State Coop. Marketing Federation, Taluk Agricultural Produce Coop. Marketing Societies and the Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies.

4. It may incidentally be mentioned here that the Dist. Central Coop. Bank including D.C.C. Bank, Shimoga have their technical group represented by the Officers from the Agriculture Department and others to advise the Dist. Central Coop. Banks with regard to the scale of finance and the cash and kind component to be disbursed to